



President's Message

Hopefully, spring is just around the corner, but before we embark on new adventures, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members into the club:

Cathy and Art Barnes
Linda Cajka

Jill and Bob Hulsmann
Kevin Schrock and Jayme Keyes.

Also, I would like to acknowledge the many contributions of all who helped make the previous year a successful one for OVEB. A big thank you to all of our club officers who served last year:

Brad Nogar, President
Lisa Nogar, Secretary

Pam Strader, Vice-President
Walt Bernhardt, Authenticity Chairman

I would also like to offer special recognition to Brad Nogar for all the time and work he has put in over the last three years while President of the club. I personally think that his contribution to the club has been extraordinary and he has went "Above and Beyond" to make the club better.

A sincere thank you also goes to all who organized the meetings and outings last year:

Brad and Lisa for planning dinner at the Golden Lamb in February (which we had to cancel because of weather), the tour of the Cincinnati Fire Museum and Finlay Market in March, the tour of the Patterson Homestead in April and the driving tour to Yellow Springs, OH in October.

Pat and Walt for planning the June dinner at "Cabanna on the River", for hosting our July picnic, and for planning the road trip to "Shades of the Past Rod Run" in September.

Ed Faulkner for planning the May outing with the Antique Auto Club of America (AACCA) to Rabbit Hatch, KY (even though the weather didn't cooperate) and the August road trip up the Ohio River to Augusta, KY and to Point Pleasant to visit President Grant' house.

Pam and Bill Strader for setting up our November outing to Wright Patterson Air Force Museum, the ladies excursion to shopping and dinner at Giovanni's Ristorante in Fairborn, OH.

Jan and Gary for hosting the wonderful Christmas party at their home in December.

Finally, thanks to all of you who attended the meetings and outings and helped to create the wonderful memories in 2014. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Center".

January 2015 – Annual Planning Meeting



Fifteen members were in attendance at Brazenhead Irish Pub in Mason, OH for the 2015 Annual Planning meeting on January 18th. We had many great suggestions for activities in 2015 and I think we came up with a number that will appeal to our members. I have attached a copy of the 2015 Schedule to the end of this newsletter and you can also go to our website schedule page at <http://www.oveb.org/schedule.html> for the most up-to-date information.

February 2015 – OVEB Dinner at Houston Inn

While Bill and Gail were away on vacation in warmer climates, OVEB members enjoyed chatting about upcoming T-Bird adventures over a delicious and relaxing dinner at the Houston Inn in Lebanon, Ohio.

March 2015 – Cincinnati Music Hall Behind the Scenes Tour

The weather was beautiful on Sunday, March 8th when thirty-three OVEB members and guests were treated to a rare behind the scenes tour of Cincinnati's historic Music Hall. Immediately after our tour, we walked a few blocks to Vine Street where we enjoyed lunch in Over-the-Rhine's newest restaurant, Krueger's Tavern. Following lunch, we walked back to Music Hall for a free performance by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Cincinnati Opera, Cincinnati Ballet and May Festival Chorus.

Pictures of the event on our website at the following link:

<http://www.oveb.org/photopage.php?yid=37&var=photopage.php>

Upcoming OVEB Events: (see the our website schedule at <http://oveb.org/schedule> for up-to-date information)

April: Please join us on April 18th for our outing to two fascinating attractions in the Middletown area of Butler County: The **Butler County Warbird Museum** and **BeauVerre Riordon Stained Glass Studio**. We will meet at the Butler County Warbird Museum at 1:30 PM for a self guided stroll through the museum and then on to the BeauVerre Riordon Stained Glass Studio for a tour starting at 3:00 PM. After the tour we will then enjoy an early dinner at the critically acclaimed Murphy's Landing located at the Glass Studio.

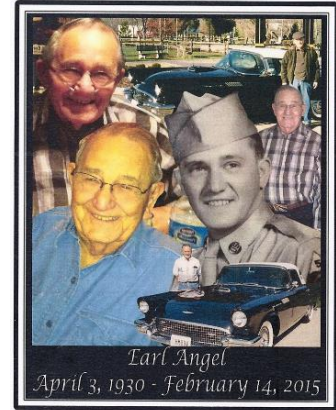
May: On May 17th we will going to Carrillon Park in Dayton, OH. We plan on meeting for dinner at the new **Carillon Brewing Company** with its 1850s style brewing operation at 5:00 PM. Those members who would like to tour the park prior to dinner can do so at their own pace and meet us after the park closes at 5:00 PM.

June: The **OVEB Annual Picnic** will be on June 20th at Cathy and Art's home in Minster Ohio on the shores of beautiful Lake Loramie. The tentative plans are that we will spend the morning caravanning towards their house with the folks around Cincinnati meeting somewhere near the intersection of US-127 and SR-129 in Hamilton and those around Dayton joining the caravan in Eaton near the intersection of US-127 and US-35. We would visit a couple of covered bridges near Eaton, continue on to Greenville to visit the Kitchenaid store, and then on to New Weston, to Birt's Store, a quaint candy and hardware store with every kind of old fashioned candy you can remember. We would then head east to Cathy and Art's house for the picnic. The exact route and rendezvous details and approximate times will be posted on our website soon.

In Memoriam – Earl Angel.

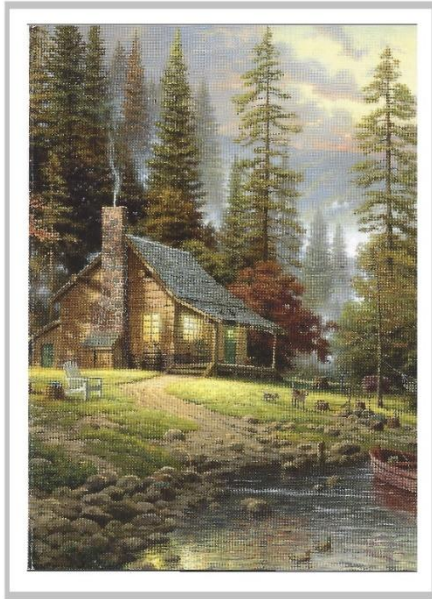
Gail and I were very saddened to learn that a long time member of the Ohio Valley Early Birds, Earl Angel, passed away on February 14th while we were on vacation. Earl and his wife Norma were very active in the club until recently. I'm sure everyone who knew him will miss his stories and his smiling face as much as Gail and I will.

In addition to his wife Norma, Earl is survived by brother James Huey Angel; sister Betty (Angel) Nelcamp; son Jeffrey Angel; daughter Sharon Angel North (Donald North), granddaughter Jocelyn Angel Gantzer; and grandson Jeff Angel. Our deepest condolences go out to Norma and his family.

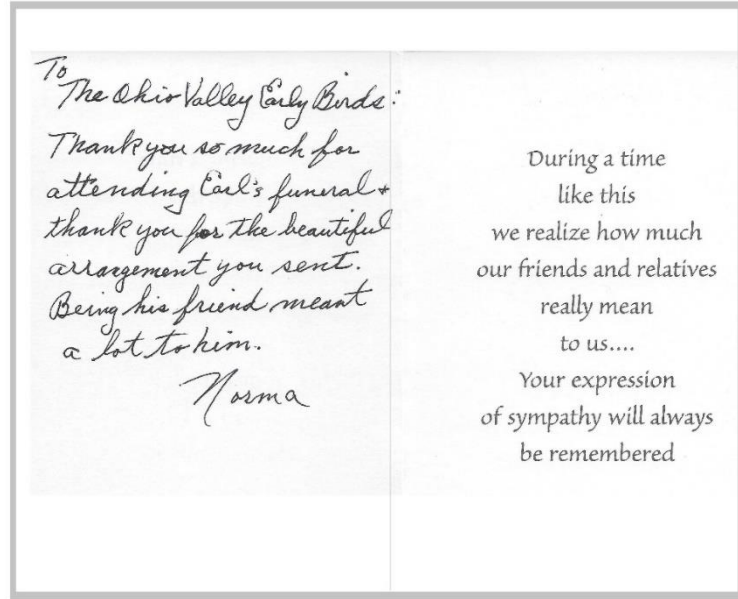


Norma sent this "Thank You" card for the flower arrangement (shown below) sent on behalf of the OVEB.

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Optional (non-OVEB) Events: These events have come to our attention and even though they are not official OVEB events a few of our members are planning on attending one or all of them.

June 25-28: 60th Anniversary of the Thunderbird Celebration – Dearborn, MI

The Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club will host this event which takes place in Dearborn Michigan on June 25 through 28. Interesting activities are planned on Thursday & Friday and an all Thunderbird show at the Ford Headquarters is planned for Saturday. For further details on the event click on the following link: [Registration Form and Schedule of Events](#).

July 16-19: Celebrate 60 Years of Thunderbird Excitement – Pittsburgh, PA

The Pitt Birds Classic Thunderbird Club will host a Thunderbird Event at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix titled "Celebrate 60 Years of Thunderbird Excitement". This event will occur on July 16-19, 2015. The members of the Ohio Valley Early Birds are cordially invited to attend. The Pitt club has made arrangements for four days of exciting activities, or you could plan to attend any one of the weekend days. For further details on the event and for the registration form go to their website at: <http://www.pittbirds.org/pvgp.html>.

Aug 26-30: CTCI Region 6 Convention -- Albuquerque, NM

On August 26th thru 30th the Pajarito Thunderbird Club of New Mexico will be hosting the 2015 CTCI Region 6 Convention celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the introduction of the Ford Thunderbird. The convention will be held in Albuquerque, NM. For further details see the CTCI website at <http://www.ctci.org/events.php>.